



**CITY OF TUCSON  
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES  
(CODI)  
Meeting Minutes**

**The meeting of the Tucson Commission on Disability Issues was called to order by Chair Cyndi Segroves on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, at 2:41 p.m., in the Conference Room, at the Ward 6 Office, 3202 E. 1st Street, Tucson, AZ.**

**1. Roll Call**

**Commission Members Present:**

Susan Zimmerman  
John Zimmerman  
Vacancy  
Pamela Rhatigan  
Cyndi Segroves, Chair  
Robert Blizzard  
Jeffrey Handt  
Will Bond, Vice Chair  
Lisa Degiorgio  
Vacancy  
Vacancy  
Vacancy

**Representing:**

Mayor  
Ward 2  
Ward 3  
Ward 4  
Ward 5  
Ward 6  
Mayor/Council  
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City Manager  
City Manager  
City Manager

**Absent/Excused:**

Amit Algotar

Ward 1

**Staff Members Present:**

Rick Guerra, Recording Secretary City Clerk's Office

## 5. **Staff Reports – Discussion/Recommendation/Action** (Item taken out of order)

- a. Equal Opportunity Programs – Alison Colter-Mack reported:
- She attended the National Association of Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinators Conference.
  - On the Department of Justice report findings, some facilities had not been corrected and the City of Tucson would probably be put on an extended settlement agreement.
  - Sixty (60) out of seven hundred (700) facilities audited were done mainly by one staff person.
  - The OEOP office worked with the Tucson Convention Center in the design phase to insure accessibility.
- b. ADA Eligibility/Transportation – John Zukas reported that for the month of October, there were:
- Two hundred fifty-three (253) applications requested.
  - Three hundred twenty-three (323) applications received.
  - Fifty (50) returned as incomplete.
  - Three hundred ten (310) ADA eligibility applications processed.
  - One hundred seventeen (117) new applications.
  - One hundred ninety-three (193) re-certifications.
  - Seven (7) of the new applications were denied as were three (3) of the re-certification applications.

This constituted 3.23% of the applications being denied of the total processed, two (2) ADA appeals scheduled and one (1) sustained. The average number of days to process ADA applications was 3.51.

- c. Sun Tran – Kate Riley and Lisa Andrews reported for the month of October, there was/were:
- A seven (7) percent decrease over all in rider ship from this time last year.
  - Seventy-seven (77) routes came out of the new northwest facility.
  - Ten (10) customer service presentations made to the community reaching five hundred eighty-eight (588) consumers.

- Twenty-five (25) consumers participated in the mobility training programs at two different sessions.
  - Over forty-two thousand, three hundred fifty-nine (42,359) customer information center phone calls answered.
  - Three (3) ADA issues of which two (2) were chargeable.
- d. Sun Van – Patrick McGowan reported for the month of October, there were:
- Forty thousand, five hundred fifty-six (40,556) total rider ships.
  - Fifty-four thousand, one hundred fifteen (54,115) rider ship demands.
  - Ten thousand, three hundred ninety-four (10,394) cancellations.
  - Three thousand, one hundred seventy-five (3,175) no shows.
  - 97.16% “on-time” On time pick-ups.
- e. Parks & Recreation – No report was given.

## **2. Approval of Minutes – August 19, 2009 & October 21, 2009**

It was moved by Commissioner Rhatigan, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 8 to 0 (Commissioner Algotar absent) to approve the minutes of August 19, 2009 with one correction as follows: Page 5, Item 7, first paragraph change “Pima County One Stop had changed their name to Employment Network” to “Pima County One Stop had just taken on an additional roll or grant as becoming an employment network”.

It was moved by Commissioner Rhatigan, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 8 to 0 (Commissioner Algotar absent) to approve the minutes of October 21, 2009, as submitted.

## **3. Presentation on Accessible Clean Air Taxis – Rhett Crominsfield**

Jelena Rowe and Rhett Crominsfield, Clean Energy, gave a presentation on Accessible Clean Air Taxis. Clean Natural Gas (CNG) powered taxis have a 28% reduction in green house gases and use domestic fuel as not to send the money outside the country. Fuel is about fifty (50) cents cheaper than gasoline. Vehicle Production Group builds the taxis, which will be manufactured in the

United States. Hybrid taxis can travel thirty-three (33) miles per gallon and with a twenty (20) gallon tank, they get a two hundred fifty (250) mile range.

**4. Introductions of Potential CODI Members – Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

Chair Segroves announced Jenny Goeckel was interested in joining the Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner S. Zimmerman, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 8 to 0 to recommend appointment of Jenny Goeckel to the CODI Commission.

**5. Staff Reports – Discussion/Recommendation/Action**  
(Item taken out of order – discussed after Item 1)

**6. Call to the audience**  
None

**7. Break – Recessed at 3:46 p.m. and reconvened at 3:59 p.m. All members present as they were at the start of the meeting.**

**8. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events – Informational Only**

Chair Segroves announced the Transit Subcommittee of the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee had join forces with the Transit Task Force. She also announced the Anti Hate Crime Task Force was scheduled to meet and the Edith Ball Adaptive Recreation Center would have a five (5) year Anniversary Celebration.

**9. Commission Members' Summary of Current Events – Informational Only**

Commissioner Bond thanked everyone who attended the conference. He said it was well attended for not having had massive advertising. One hundred ninety (190) plus people registered and one hundred fifty (150) plus people attended. Next year's conference was scheduled for October 15, 2010.

Commissioner Degiorgio announced the Regional Behavioral Health Authority for South Eastern Arizona competition was pretty competitive this year. There were several for profit companies bidding for Pima County and quite a few for profit companies that were bidding for South Eastern Arizona. She said there might be a change in who provides services for individuals seeking mental health or behavioral health services.

Commissioner Blizzard suggested the CODI Conference should be held at Double Tree Inn for the next year.

Commissioner Handt announced his choir group sang at a Veteran's Day Concert and were scheduled for a couple of more concerts in December. He also shared, on a personal side, that he has a liver disease he is battling and many bruises from a recent fall.

Commissioner Rhatigan announced a new Assistance Dog Club was forming in Tucson, and was asked to present on the impact of services dogs on families.

Commissioner S. Zimmerman announced while she and Jeffery manned the CODI table at the conference, it gave her some ideas for CODI representation next year, and maybe get some additional help.

## **10. Subcommittee Reports – Informational Only**

- a. Housing - No report was given.
- b. Public Relations/Education - No report was given.
- c. Services/Programs/Activities/Architectural Barriers (SPAA) - No report was given.
- d. Transportation - Commissioner Blizzard announced that at the Modern Street Car Presentation recommendations were made and there would be more dialog at the December 3rd meeting.
- e. Employment - Commissioner S. Zimmerman reported Carole Nay, gave a presentation on Vocational Rehabilitation.

- f. Legislation - Commissioner J. Zimmerman reported Mary Okoye, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, gave a presentation.

**11. Budget Report and Expenditures – Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

Rick Guerra, City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary, reported the remaining funds in the budget for fiscal year 2009 – 2010 were \$3,790.

**12. Future Agenda Items**

- Mary Okoye
- Cost to Attend the New Mexico Conference

**13. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.**